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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2003 totaled 310,000 head, up 3 percent from the December 1, 2002 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 5 percent from the number on hand November 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 64,000 head, up 4,000 from November 2002 placements. Marketings during November totaled 47,000 head, down 6,000 from the November 2002 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 578,000, 700-799 pounds were 379,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 289,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001.

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